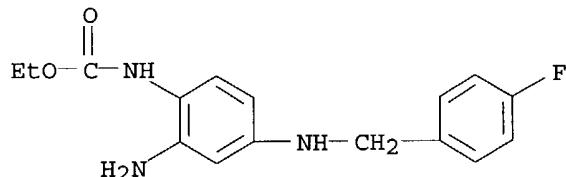


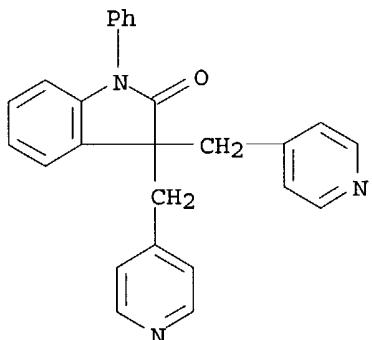
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Functional Bowel Disorders

Definition

A **functional bowel** disorder is a **functional** gastrointestinal disorder with no organic cause. These disorders are often referred to as functional bowel diseases. Functional bowel diseases include irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), functional abdominal bloating, functional constipation, functional diarrhea and unspecified functional bowel disorders. The prevalence of IBS in the United States is approximately 10-15% of the population. The female to male ratio of IBS ranges from 1:1 to 2:1 in the community, except where there is a male predominance. The prevalence of IBS is lower in the elderly. Functional bowel diseases can be diagnosed based on established criteria, which exclude organic causes. The Rome II diagnostic criteria pertaining to functional bowel disorders provide a framework to understand, categorize and treat these gastrointestinal disorders. The Rome criteria have also helped to standardize the selection of patients for clinical trials and surveys. They have also allowed patient groups to be selected based on their predominant IBS symptom pattern (constipation, diarrhea or bloating), thus allowing researchers to evaluate the predicted effect of a particular treatment.(1)

Diagnosis

The Rome II diagnostic criteria for IBS include at least 12 weeks or more of symptoms, with symptoms not be consecutive, in the preceding 12 months of abdominal discomfort and/or change in bowel habits.

has two out of three features: (1) Relieved with defecation and /or (2) On with a change in frequency of stool; and/or (3) Onset associated with a change (appearance) of stool. Supportive symptoms of IBS include (a greater than occurrence of) (I) Fewer than three **bowel** movements per week (II) More **bowel** movements per day (III) Hard or lumpy stools (IV) Loose (mushy) stools (V) Straining during a **bowel** movement (VI) Urgency (VII) Feeling **bowel** movement (VIII) Passing mucous during a **bowel** movement (IX) , fullness, bloating or swelling. (1)

Diarrhea-predominant IBS is associated with one or more of the supportive symptoms I, II, IV or VI; or two or more of I, II, IV or VI and none of I or V. Constipation-predominant IBS is associated with one or more of the supportive symptoms I, III or V or VI.(1) If diarrhea or constipation are not dominant then the IBS is primarily associated with abdominal discomfort or pain.(1)

Evaluation

A limited screen for organic **disease** is indicated to compliment a positive IBS based on the Rome II criteria. Screening should include hematology, erythrocyte sedimentation rate, stool examination for occult blood, stool for parasites and gram stain, flexible sigmoidoscopy with biopsy in those without a family history of colon polyps or cancer.(2) A high erythrocyte sedimentation rate, anemia and rectal bleeding are negative predictive factors for the full range of bowel diseases and should alert the clinician to an alternate **disease** process needs to be evaluated further.

Intractability in *constipation predominant IBS* can be further investigated with a hydrogen breath test, stool transit study, anorectal manometry, balloon expulsion test and dynamic contrast enema. *Diarrhea-predominant IBS* can be further evaluated with a lactulose H₂ breath test, stool osmolarity and electrolytes, jejunal aspirate for ova and parasites and a barium enema or colonoscopy and colon transit. *Pain-predominant IBS* can be further evaluated with abdominal ultrasound, a small **bowel** series, lactulose H₂ breath test and gastrointestinal manometry.

Treatment

Diarrhea-predominant IBS can be treated with dietary restriction (lactulose, sorbitol), loperamide or diphenoxylate as well as cholestyramine. Tricyclic antidepressants significantly relieve diarrhea and associated pain at least in part by the anticholinergic effect. Calcium channel blockers may be used as second line treatment. 5HT3 (alosetron) and 5HT4 receptor antagonists may also be used for controlling diarrhea-predominant IBS.(2)

Patients with *pain-predominant IBS* may benefit from treatment with anti-spasmodics with or without anxiolytics and avoidance of gas forming foods. Smooth muscle relaxants such as mebeverine, octylonium and cimetropium are worthy of trial in view of a mean response of pain in a meta-analysis of 68% compared to placebo.(2) New treatment modalities in clinical trial evaluation include the kappa agonist fedotozine.(1,2)

Constipation-predominant IBS has been shown to improve significantly with fiber.

agents in clinical trials. Osmotic laxatives like milk of magnesia or lactulose softeners may be added to the regimen if bulk agents alone are not sufficient. Antidepressants may cause or aggravate constipation through the anticholinergics and should, therefore, be avoided in the subgroup with pain and constipation predominant IBS.(2) Currently, phase III clinical trials are evaluating the effectiveness of receptor agonists for treatment of chronic constipation, including constipation predominant IBS.

Other potential therapies for IBS include selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors, muscarinic agents, alpha-2 adrenergic agents, somatostatin analogs and antagonists.(2). The somatostatin analog Octreotide reduces orocecal transit time and increases colonic visceral sensory threshold in IBS, but has limited clinical use in view of its parenteral mode of administration.(1)

Constipation

Definition

Constipation is a symptom of many diseases and is a collective term used to describe stools that are either too hard, too infrequent or too difficult to pass. Constipation is defined by the presence of two or more of the following symptoms over a period of three months when the patient is not taking laxatives: (a) straining at defecation >25% of the time, (b) lumpy and/or hard stools > 25% of the times, (c) sensations of incomplete evacuation >25% of the time and (d) two or fewer bowel movements per week.

Historical Perspective

In the early part of the 20th century, Sir William Arbuthnot Lane advocated and performed ileorectal anastomosis for the treatment of a variety of disorders, including constipation referred then as chronic intestinal stasis or Arbuthnot Lanes' disease. The majority of colectomies performed by Lane were for chronic constipation. Of 93 patients treated for constipation by colectomy or bypass. Only eight of them were men and two-thirds of the women were aged 35 or under.(5)

Etiology

It is difficult to determine the underlying etiology of constipation in Lanes' disease. However, no evidence of megacolon was present in any of the 85 women with constipation. It is likely, therefore, that many of the women operated on had a normal sized colon and that they were suffering from idiopathic slow-transit constipation. Associations between constipation and disorders such as pelvic floor dysfunction, breast disease, infertility, estrogen deficiency and ovarian cysts have been described.(4,5) Other studies have associated chronic constipation with the use of laxatives. (5) Although slow-transit constipation without megarectum affects males and females almost exclusively, slow-transit constipation with megarectum affects mainly females in equal proportion.(6-8) Table 1 summarizes the most common causes of constipation.

Table 1 Causes of Constipation

Endocrine	insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, hypopituitarism
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	hypothyroidism, hypercalcemia, pseudo-hypoparathyroidism, pheochromocytoma, glucagonoma, pregnancy, steroid hormones in luteal and follicular phases of cycle
Metabolic disorders	porphyria, uremia, hypokalemia, amyloid neuropathy
Neurologic disorders	Parkinson's disease , cerebral tumors, cerebrovascular accidents, multiple sclerosis, scleroderma, meningoanglionosis, Chagas disease , hyperganglionopathy, autonomic neuropathy, spinal cord injury, major anxiety, obsessional personality disorders
Surgery resulting in localized damage to autonomic nervous plexus	pelvic surgery (cystectomy, rectopexy, hysterectomy)
Pharmacologic agents	Opioids, anticholinergics, anticonvulsants, antidepressants (including tricyclics and aluminum containing), anti-Parkinsonian agents, antihypertensive agents, chronic stimulant laxatives (senna, cascara, anthraquinones, bisacodyl), monoamine oxidase inhibitors, tricyclics, phenothiazines, alkylating agents (vincristine), heavy metal poisoning (lead, mercury, phosphorus, iron, oral contraceptives, muscle relaxants)
Obstructive bowel diseases	Endometriosis, carcinoma, volvulus, hernia,便秘 (constipation), pseudo-obstruction, polyps, adhesions
Functional	Irritable bowel syndrome, anismus, sedentary-lifestyle patients
Dietary	Inadequate fiber or fluid intake
Primary or idiopathic	No specific underlying condition identified

Diagnostic Modalities

Preliminary evaluation of constipated patients starts with a thorough history and physical exam in order to identify changes in lifestyle, medication regime and dietary status. Patients undergoing workup of constipation should have a *flexible sigmoidoscopy* and *barium enema* for heme-negative stools or a *colonoscopy* if there are positive stools. Such studies enable exclusion of malignancy and other abnormalities of the lower gastrointestinal tract. Laboratory bloodwork should include thyroid function tests, ionized calcium and glucose in order to evaluate for hypothyroidism, hypercalcemia and diabetes. Constipation refractory to conservative measures benefits from manometric documentation of the *an inhibitory reflex* (RAIR). RAIR allows differentiation between idiopathic constipation and aganglionosis in whom the reflex is absent. *Anorectal manometry* also allows documentation of anal sphincter pressures to rule out hypertonia and assess outlet obstruction. *Dynamic proctography* provides cineradiographic evidence of rectal pathology, such as rectoceles, enteroceles and rectal prolapse, that may contribute to outlet obstruction and difficulty with bowel movements. *Intestinal transit* analysis allows objective measurement of constipation. Colon transit analysis enables determination of segmental and total colon transits and thereby identifies normal and slow colonic transit.

Anatomy and Physiology

The cause of slow whole gut transit in patients with a normal-sized colon rectoanal inhibitory reflex is not completely understood. Constipation can also be associated with a disorder of the striated muscle of the pelvic floor which contracts inappropriately with attempted defecation (anismus or paradoxical puborectalis) rather than relax as in normal individuals.(8) The epidemiological constipation study in the United States noted an overall prevalence of constipation of 14.7%. Prevalence according to subtype was 4.6% for functional, 2.1% for outlet and 3.4% for IBS-outlet associated constipation.(9)

Studies of colonic motility have shown that patients with slow transit constipation have colonic hypersegmentation and that many have little spontaneous contraction or response to topical stimulation with bisacodyl.(10) This latter finding suggests a possible abnormality of the myenteric plexus. Peptide containing nerves appear to be normal, but there may be abnormalities in the morphology of the myenteric plexus.(11)

Failure of normal gastrin, motilin and pancreatic polypeptide release has been documented in patients with severe constipation, although this may represent a secondary phenomenon.(12,13) Measurement of sex hormones have shown abnormalities, such as hyperprolactinemia which may be related to some other reproductive symptoms common in these patients.(14) In addition, coworkers in 1991 noted a constant reduction in estradiol, cortisol and testosterone during the luteal and follicular phases as well as reduced progesterone and , 17 hydroxyprogesterone, androstenedione and dehydroepiandrosterone in the phase of women with severe chronic constipation.(15)

Treatment

In most cases, constipation can be treated with dietary manipulation, simple enemas. However, there is a group of patients for whom medical management is unsatisfactory and in whom stimulant laxatives quickly lose their effect due to myenteric plexus damage.

One approach to the therapy of chronic constipation consists of stimulating as much physiological as possible, intestinal motility (Table 2). In the colon, high amplitude propagated contractions occur a few times a day, especially right after a meal. These so called mass movements or giant migrating contractions provide the main propulsive force to fast colonic propulsion and often are the stimulus for the urge to defecate. In idiopathic chronic constipation, the number and duration of GMC's is smaller than in healthy subjects (16).

A new chemical class (*benzofurans*) has been shown to specifically induce colonic motility to stimulate proximal colonic motility in humans. These agents also stimulate pyloro-duodenal motility and accelerate delayed gastric emptying in the small bowel. The effect is mediated by selective stimulation of serotonin 5HT4 receptors which facilitate cholinergic as well as non-cholinergic excitatory neurotransmission and produce the enterokinetic effect. This class of agents is currently being studied in clinical trials for treatment of chronic constipation.(17)

Surgical treatment is undertaken in patients with chronic idiopathic constipation with great reluctance and only because patients are greatly disabled in view of medical management. The severity of constipation in these individuals that colectomy is unusual. Local sphincter surgery or segmental colon resection may benefit patients with slow transit constipation. Internal sphincterotomy may select group of individuals with hypertonic anal sphincter and impaired outlet that not alleviate symptoms from paradoxical puborectalis activity. Sigmoid colectomy be performed for recurrent sigmoid volvulus. However, total abdominal colectomy with ileorectal anastomosis gives the best chance of a good functional result with severe slow transit constipation refractory to medical management (3). Following total abdominal colectomy with ileorectal anastomosis the life can be transformed from an existence dominated by the absence of normal bowel function, abdominal discomfort and the use of laxatives, to normality in approximately 85% of patients. Most patients report a return of the urge to defecate after colectomy.(3,18) Selection of surgical intervention for constipation depends on careful identification of underlying pathology such as enteroceles, rectoceles and prolapse. Surgical management of carefully selected patients with slow transit constipation and concomitant pelvic floor hernia has been shown to yield satisfactory results in 89%.(19)

Although serious immediate postoperative complications are rare following colectomy with ileorectal anastomosis, prolonged ileus tends to be a problem addition, a high incidence of small bowel obstruction has been noted following colectomy for constipation. Diarrhea and fecal incontinence may also occur following total colectomy.(5)

Table 2 Treatment Options for Chronic Idiopathic Constipation

Underlying pathology	Correct causative underlying conditions and eliminate medications if possible
Activity level	Increase mobility
Dietary manipulations	High fiber intake (20-30 g / day) Konsyl(r) / Metamucil(r) 1 tbs PO BID Increase non-caffeinated fluids (8-10 8 oz glasses / day)
Stool softeners	Sodium docusate 100 mg PO BID Mineral oil 1 oz PO BID
Stimulant laxatives	Pericolace(r) 1 PO QD Dulcolax(r) 5-15 mg PO if no BM for 3 or more consecutive days
Prokinetic agents	Benzofuran PO QD (clinical trial)
Enemas	Fleets(r) enema if no BM for 3 days
Osmotic agents	Milk of Magnesia 30-60 PO QD Lactulose 30 ml PO QD-BID Polyethyleneglycol (PEG) 10-20 oz PO QD Miralax(r) 17 gm PO QD
Psychological support and evaluation as indicated	Counseling, MMPI

indicated	
Surgical intervention	Subtotal colectomy with ileorectal anastomosis Subtotal colectomy with ileostomy Diverting ileostomy

Conclusion

Functional bowel diseases can be diagnosed based on the Rome II criteria. This allows subgrouping of IBS into predominantly diarrhea, constipation or pain. The stratification of IBS based on symptomatology also facilitates establishing the modalities for specific IBS types. Idiopathic slow transit constipation represents a complex disorder. For the patients who develop severe and disabling idiopathic constipation, unresponsive to dietary modification or drugs, colectomy and ileorectal anastomosis can offer great benefit. Careful physiologic and anatomic evaluation of refractory idiopathic constipation and any associated pelvic outlet pathology will help to tailor the surgical operation to meet the needs of the patient.

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